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41.The composition according to claim ~~39~~²⁴, wherein said carrier is water.~~27~~
42.The composition according to claim ~~39~~²⁴, wherein said carrier is cream based.AI
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43.

A method for enhancing wound healing at a wound site via modulation of matrix metalloproteinase activity at the wound site, comprising applying to the wound site an effective amount of a therapeutic composition comprising:

a pharmaceutically acceptable carrier; and

an active ingredient of inorganic solids comprising 10-80 parts by weight of potassium ions, 0.00001-20 parts by weight of zinc ions, 0.01-10 parts by weight of calcium ions and 1-40 parts by weight of rubidium ions.--

REMARKS

²²
New claim 37 above is identical to non-elected claim 1 of the parent application

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New claims ~~38-43~~ are set forth herein to distinctly claim specific embodiments of the present invention directed compositions and methods for enhancing wound healing at a wound site via modulation of matrix metalloproteinase activity at the wound site. The Examiner is invited to contact the undersigned attorney directly if such contact will

enhance the efficient prosecution of the application to issue.

Respectfully submitted,

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